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SUBJECT: PL 480/FOOD SHORTAGE POLICY

1. THE JANUARY 7, 1975, EDITIONS OF THE ENGLISH SPEAK-
ING KOREA HERALD AND KOREA TIMES NEWSPAPERS CARRIED
WASHINGTON UPI STORY REPORTING THAT PRESIDENT
FORD WOULD SOON SIGN A NEW US FOOD AND PROGRAM BILL OF
THE MAGNITUDE OF ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF BILLION
DOLLARS. RECIPIENTS OF THE NEW FOOD PROGRAM WOULD
BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE CONTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AF-
FECTED BY FOOD SHORTAGES. ACCORDING TO THIS UP STORY
QUOTING A US OFFICIAL THE NEW FOOD PROGRAM,WHICH WOULD BE PART OF THE
AID FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, REQUIRES THAT AT LEAST
SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE FOOD SHIPMENTS MUST BE SENT
TO COUNTRIES QUOTE ON THE HUNGER LIST UNQUOTE, I.E.
BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, ETC. AND THEREFORE, THE ROKG WOULD
NOT RECEIVE US AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PREVIOUSLY
PLANNED UNDER THE PL480 FOOD AID PROGRAM.

2. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED QUERIES FROM THE ROKG REGARDING
THIS STORY. WE WOULD APPRECAITE THE DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE IN REPLYING TO SUCH INQUIRIES AND AN ESTIMATE OF
THE PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF UNDERSTANDINGS CONTAINED IN
PRIOR YEAR PL 480 AGREEMENTS.

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